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PW-PA 20.02 Inmate of public institution History: 1-2-56; Am. Register, January, 1967, No. 183, eff. 2-1-67; r. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75.

PW-PA 20.03 Need determination. (1) **PURPOSE.** This rule is adopted to effectuate on a state-wide basis, the determination of need for public assistance of applicants for and recipients of aid to dependent children, in order to insure in so far as possible equitable treatment of persons in need throughout the state.

(2) **DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.** Eligibility for aid and the amount to be paid as aid to dependent children, shall be determined by the county agency in accordance with standards prescribed by the department of health and social services. The department shall define need standards within the statutory requirements which shall include published instructions to the county operating agencies regarding the items of need to be included and how the cost of these items is to be determined, the method of considering resources, and generally principles of budgeting to be applied to the individual circumstances. In effect, the department shall define need within the statutory provisions as set forth in section 49.19 (5), Wis. Stats.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75.

PW-PA 20.04 Eligibility verification. (1) As a condition of eligibility, each applicant for or recipient of aid will be required:

(a) To furnish to the state or local agency a social security account number, hereinafter referred to as the SSN, or

(b) To apply for such number through procedures adopted by the state or local agency with the social security administration and provide the number upon receipt.

(2) If the applicant or recipient has complied with the requirements of subsection (1) (b) the state or local agency shall not deny, delay, or discontinue assistance pending the issuance or certification of such numbers.

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(3) "Applicant" and "recipient" include the caretaker relative, the children, and any other individual whose needs are considered in determining the amount of assistance.

(4) The state or local agency shall notify the applicant or recipient that the furnishing of the SSN is a condition of eligibility for assistance required by the Social Security Act and that the SSN will be utilized in the administration of the AFDC program.

(5) The above conditions are required by federal regulation 45 CFR 232.10 effective July 1, 1975.

(6) Effective date. January 1, 1977.

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PW-PA 20.05 Responsibility of relative to support. When a relative enumerated in section 52.01, Wis. Stats., is not assisting an applicant for aid to dependent children, and refuses to assist and when there is reasonable doubt as to liability or ability of such relative to assist, no application for aid to dependent children under section 49.19, Wis. Stats., shall be denied by the county agency until such agency shall have secured an order from a court of competent jurisdiction under section 52.01, Wis. Stats.; provided also that is deemed to be the responsibility of the county agency in such case to petition under section 52.01, Wis. Stats.

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PW-PA 20.06 Relatives eligible for aid to dependent children. Section 49.19 (1) (a), Wis. Stats., and Title IV, section 406 (a), Federal Social Security Act are construed to permit payments of public assistance grants in behalf of dependent children who are living with a person included in one of the following groups:

(1) Any blood relative, including first cousins, nephews, or nieces and those of half-blood.

Note: Relationships to persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great are within this definition.

(2) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister.

(3) Persons who legally adopt a child or his parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons.

Note: Other relatives of persons who adopt children are relatives of such adopted children within this definition.

(4) Spouses of any persons named in the above groups.

Note: Such relatives may be considered within the scope of this provision though the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75.

PW-PA 20.07 Incapacitation for gainful work; dependent children. (1) **PURPOSE.** This rule is adopted to promote the rehabilitation of dependent persons in keeping with the legislative intent expressed in section 49.02 (6), Wis. Stats., to determine the eligibility of applicants for aid to dependent children as required under sections 49.19 (1), (2), (3) and (4), Wis. Stats., to determine the amount of

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aid needed (including necessary medical aid for the incapacitated parent) as directed under sections 49.19 (5) and 49.46, Wis. Stats., and further to carry out the department's responsibilities as expressly stated or implied under sections 46.206 and 49.50 (2) and (6), Wis. Stats.

(2) **DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.** The decision as to eligibility because of the incapacitation of a parent shall be made by the county agency. Such decision shall be based upon a physician's opinion as to whether or not there is physical or mental disability and a consideration of relevant social and employability factors.

(3) **EXAMINATION AND REPORT.** With respect to any application for aid to dependent children in which incapacitation of a parent is claimed as the basis for eligibility, such parent shall be examined by a licensed physician and he shall report his findings in writing on a form prescribed by the department for this purpose. For purposes of reimbursement under section 49.52, Wis. Stats., fees paid physicians for examinations made under this rule may be reported as expenditures incurred in administration. A physician's report shall be obtained and the decision of the county administrator recorded on the prescribed form before aid may be granted. A completed copy of the report shall be sent to the department for all examinations made. Reexamination for purposes of determining continuing eligibility shall be made as often as indicated by the physician's report or by observation of the person's physical condition, but at least once in any twelve-month period.

(4) **EXCEPTIONS.** (a) A medical examination is not required if the incapacitated parent has been found eligible for aid to the blind or for aid to totally and permanently disabled persons.

(b) A medical reexamination for purposes of determining continuing eligibility may not be required in the discretion of the county agency if the examining physician indicates in his report that